

EAST KILBRIDE AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held via Microsoft Teams and in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 1 November 2022

Chair:

Councillor Archie Buchanan

Councillors Present:

Councillor John Anderson, Councillor Mathew Buchanan, Councillor Gerry Convery, Councillor Margaret Cooper, Councillor Joe Fagan, Councillor Elise Frame, Councillor Geri Gray (Depute), Councillor Susan Kerr, Councillor Hugh Macdonald, Councillor Elaine McDougall, Councillor Kirsten Robb, Councillor Ali Salamati, Councillor Graham Scott, Councillor David Watson

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Grant Ferguson, Councillor Gladys Ferguson-Miller, Councillor Monique McAdams

Attending:

Education Resources

L Mitchell, Lead Officer

Finance and Corporate Resources

S McLeod, Administration Officer; L Wyllie, Administration Assistant

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the East Kilbride Area Committee held on 23 August 2022 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

The Committee decided: that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

3 Education Resources – Participatory Budgeting - Pupil Equity Funding

A report dated October 2022 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on Participatory Budgeting (PB) in relation to Pupil Equity Funding (PEF).

An update was given on PB activity within Education Resources in 2021/2022 which highlighted that:-

- ◆ a video showing the work of PB within Education Resources in 2021/2022 had been shared locally and nationally
- ◆ lead officers had presented the Council's PB journey at PB Scotland's National Conference on 28 September 2022
- ◆ Education Resources had submitted an award application to the International Observatory on Participatory Democracy for the Best Practice Award for Citizen Participation. The application highlighted the success of PB in schools during 2021/2022. The evaluation phase for the award was currently underway
- ◆ a PB section had been developed within a new Equity Hub, an online site to provide schools with support and resources to assist in tackling the poverty related attainment gap

PB activity in 2022/2023 was also detailed in the report which highlighted that:-

- ◆ prior to the summer holiday period, Head Teachers had been asked to allocate a minimum of 5% of their 2022/2023 PEF allocation and identify a staff member to lead/facilitate this activity in their school
- ◆ refreshed PB training had been developed and delivered to Head Teachers and PB Leads
- ◆ Head Teachers had subsequently identified the percentage of their 2022/2023 PEF allocation they wished to allocate to PB in 2022/2023

Schools within the East Kilbride area had allocated £139,957.05 of their £2,037,860 PEF allocation for PB. A breakdown of the allocation for each learning community was provided in Appendix 1 to the report. Appendix 2 to the report summarised the percentage of PEF which schools had allocated for PB. A further school-by-school breakdown was outlined in Appendix 3 to the report.

PB stakeholder groups, comprising pupils, parents and staff, were currently leading the PB process in their schools. The outcome for each school was reported to Education Resources in early October 2022. Information on the outcome of the process would be shared at future Area Committee meetings.

Education Resources would provide Area Committees with the following information:-

- ◆ a summary report of each school's PB outcome and local authority and area analysis report of this
- ◆ case studies of school activity, which had particular impact/success
- ◆ a detailed Local Authority Financial Report of how PEF money allocated for PB had been spent

Education Resources would support schools and monitor and track the impact of this activity. Findings would inform any future PB activity within the Resource.

The Lead Officer (Equity) responded to members' questions.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Minutes of 11 August 2021 (Paragraph 5)]

Councillor Cooper entered the meeting during this item of business

4 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 17 October 2022 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on applications for community grant to be met from the 2022/2023 budget.

The Committee decided: that community grants be awarded as follows:-

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| (a) | Applicant: | East Kilbride Art Collective (EK/26/22) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Start-up costs |
| | Amount Awarded: | £300 |
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| (b) | Applicant: | East Kilbride Flower Club (EK/27/22) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| | Amount Awarded: | £300 |

- (c) Applicant: Climate Action Strathaven (*EK/28/22*)
Purpose of Grant: Materials
Amount Awarded: £600
- (d) Applicant: 20th East Kilbride Guides (*EK/29/22*)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £300
- (e) Applicant: Duncanrig Rambling Club, East Kilbride (*EK/31/22*)
Purpose of Grant: Outing, administration and publicity costs
Amount Awarded: £360

5 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.